

**MINUTES  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010  
FREMONT CITY HALL  
6:30 P.M.**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

**1.1 Call to Order:** Mayor Wasserman called the meeting to order.

**1.2 Flag Salute:** Mayor Wasserman led the salute to the flag.

**1.3 Attendance:** Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Wieckowski,  
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison, and Chan.

**1.4 Announcements by Mayor/City Manager** – None.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**3. NILES CANYON ROADWAY SAFETY PROJECT**

Transportations & Operations Director Jim Pierson provided introductory comments and introduced Caltrans staff. Mark Zabaneh (District Division Chief) introduced the Project Team. Ron Kiaaina (Project Manager) provided an overview of the Niles Canyon 1 and Niles Canyon 3 Safety Projects including time lines for each project. Mr. Kiaaina continued his presentation by providing a detailed overview of the Niles Canyon 2 Safety Project including background information, project description, project goals, existing conditions, accident data, project benefits, and proposed budget. Bryan Walker (Senior Landscape Architect) discussed visual impacts, viewer elements, project elements, mitigation measures to reduce visual impacts, and provided illustrations of key project viewpoints. Mr. Kiaaina reviewed project cost and the project schedule and provided an overview of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. The following individuals expressed opposition to the Niles Canyon 2 Safety Project and expressed various safety concerns related to the proposed widening of the majority of the Canyon between Fremont and Interstate I-680 and aesthetic and environmental concerns related the construction of multiple retaining walls, which will require the removal of several hundred native trees: Gus Morrison (Tri City Ecology Center), Dorothy Bradley, Kimberly Harbin (Niles Traffic Yahoo Group), Michelle Powell, Ralph Kanz (Alameda Creek Alliance), David Price, Wynn Kageyama (Fremont Freewheelers Bicycle Club), Nancy Coumou, Ann Rice, Michael Graff (California Association of Bicycling Organizations), Andrew MacRae, SJ Lyang, Peter Szekrenyl, Virginia McCullough, John Rennels Jr., and Pat Stillman (Yes Save Our Sunol). There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment.

Caltrans representatives responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment. No action was taken.

**4. UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF SOUTH FREMONT/WARM SPRINGS AREA STUDIES**

Project Manager Brian Millar provided a status update on the preparation of a series of studies related to the South Fremont/Warm Springs Area, which includes the former NUMMI facility and work efforts to date. Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Steve Wyant and Michelle Koan (Warm Springs Business & Community Association) expressed interest in hosting the kick-off community workshop planned for October 4 in the Warm Springs area. John Rennels, Jr. (BART Principal Property Development Officer) expressed support for the studies which will help to address how the area can be revitalized to take advantage of the future BART Station. There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment. No action was taken.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, City Attorney Harvey Levine reported that Council authorized dismissing the case of *The People on the Bus v. CA Department of Transportation, City of Fremont, et al.*, Case No. C-7914050.

There being no further business, Mayor Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

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BOB WASSERMAN, Mayor